

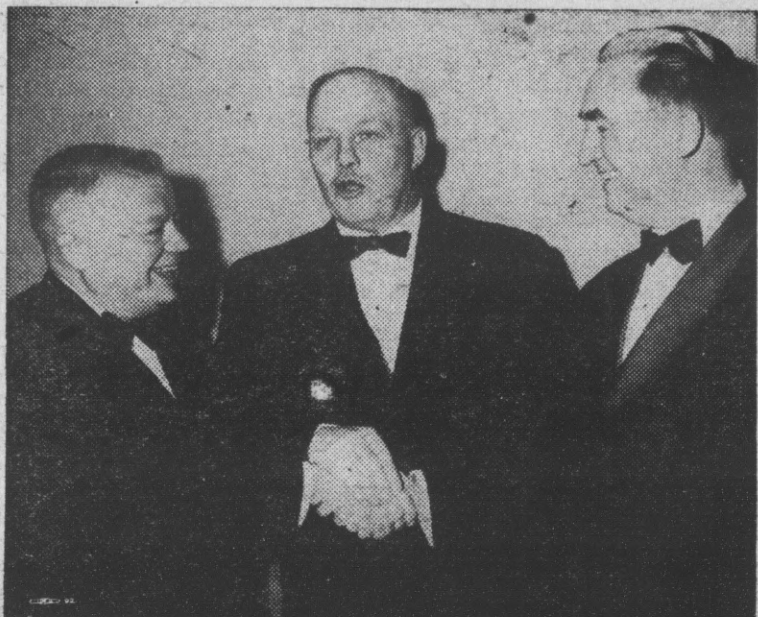
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WHOLE NO. 761



It's a 3-way handclasp as David Dubinsky of the ILGWU, George Meany, AFL president, and Martin Durkin, Secretary of Labor, meet in the Commodore Hotel in New York at the testimonial dinner given Meany by the New York unions.

## Laborers 272 Hours Changed For Saturdays

Shorter hours for officers of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas will be observed henceforth on Saturdays, it was announced last week by Business Agent Wray D. Empe and Office Secretary Lillian Johnson.

Henceforth the office will be open only from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays are not affected by the change.

Empe said work in the area has been slow but some new projects are in the offing:

Bordon Ball and the Roman Land Co., as co-contractors, will start work shortly on the new \$351,000 bridge at Hollister.

Associated Engineers Ltd. is busy enlarging the Union Ice Co. facilities in Salinas; Granite Construction Co. installing a new conveyor belt here and E. J. Donahue starting a new spur track at the plant also.

Donahue has started excavations for a new intake at the Permanente sea-water plant at Moss Landing.

British Railways during the week ended 20th April, 1953, carried 3,390,930 tons of deep mined and open cast coal—the biggest week's clearance for more than three years.

## Late News of Interest to Labor

WASHINGTON—A Federal Grand Jury will open an investigation on May 27, of charges of payroll padding by Congressman Ernest K. Bramblett, it was announced Friday by Attorney General Brownell. The anti-union Santa Barbara Republican was not available for comment.

LOS ANGELES—More than 70,000 AFL building trades craftsmen including carpenters, operating engineers, and iron workers, will receive 13-cent hourly pay raises effective June 15 under agreement negotiated with the AGC.

WASHINGTON—There is still a "staggering" job to be done to promote better health in the nation, the U. S. Public Health Service announced, despite shouted denials of the doctors' lobby. More doctors, nurses, hospitals, clinics are needed to cut down the tight, high-priced monopoly now held by profit-minded medical profession.

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman Levering's bill to outlaw union shop contracts covering 1,200,000 California workers was killed 8 to 2 by the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee on Thursday evening. A large crowd of union people was on hand to protest the bill.

WASHINGTON—Sen. R. A. Taft told the American Medical Assn. House of Delegates here that Old Age Security is the biggest advance to Socialism and should be cut out and a federal dole substituted. The doctors, who give good health care to their rich and political friends and let the common people die off, applauded loudly.

## Lara Assigned To Oakland Area Training Work

Carl Lara, former president of the Monterey County Central Labor Council in Salinas and an American Federation of Labor representative in Puerto Rico for about two years, is now working for the state as field representative for the Division of Apprenticeship Training, State Department of Industrial Relations.

Lara, widely known throughout California for his activity in behalf of Painters Union 1104 and Electricians Union 243, both in Salinas, and as director of organization for the Southern California division, National Farm Labor Union, has been assigned to the Oakland area.

He has opened offices at 1553 Webster Street, Oakland, and serves unions of all of Alameda County, it was reported.

## Culinary Seeks Raise in Salinas

Culinary-Bartenders Union 335 of Salinas has informed employers of desire to negotiate for wage increases under provisions of the existing contract.

Union Secretary A. J. Clark said the union's contract suggestions have been submitted to the employers with request for a meeting.

At the last meeting of Local 355, seven new members were initiated, Clark added.

## Mont. Laborers Retain Most Key Officers

Nearly all incumbent officers of Laborers Union 690 are without opposition for re-election when the union has its official balloting at the next meeting, it was announced last week.

Nominations at the May 13 session found only sergeant-at-arms and delegate posts in competition, according to Secretary-Business Manager George E. Jenkins. President is Perry Luce.

At the meeting, one of the largest ever held by Local 690, Jenkins reported in detail on contract negotiations while Business Representative Les Estes reported on health and welfare plan matters.

Work in the area includes a number of small jobs, such as swimming pools and motel additions, Jenkins said.

Peninsula Builders has contract for a \$172,000 addition to the Monterey High School.

Ryal Stein, contractor, will start work on a large new motel near Carmel, while Granite Construction Co. has started the Navy runways at the Monterey airport.

## AFL Retail Clerks Set Precedent In Buffalo Pact

Buffalo, N.Y. (LPA)—For the first time in the history of western New York state's food retailing industry, store employees can look forward toward a 40-hour week worked within 5 days through an agreement negotiated by Local 212 AFL Retail Clerks. The contract with the A. & P. Tea Company provided for immediate reduction of the regular work week to 43 hours from 45 and to 40 hours next February 13.

Minimum wages were increased by \$3 to \$16 a week for regular employees and 10 cents an hour for part-time help, retroactive to Jan. 13. The new scales range from \$60 for fourth-year clerks and cashiers, with \$43 the first year, to \$93 for assistant managers at supermarkets, and from \$57—first year \$40—to \$89 at other stores.

## Two Monterey Laborers Die

Myron Johnson, member of Laborers Union 690, was killed in a hit-run accident while H. C. Espy, also member of this union, died of a heart attack following an illness, union officials announced.

Johnson was struck down in Sea-side by a car driven by a soldier, it was reported. Details were not disclosed.

Espy died of a heart condition believed induced by a long illness with a kidney ailment, it was said.

## Herring Packed

A boat load of herring, caught locally, was packed by the San Xavier fish cannery last week on Monterey's Cannery Row. Union officials said this is the only activity in the area for several weeks.

## That Union Spirit

Yuma, Ariz. (LPA)—When a fire in her apartment destroyed all the possessions of Virginia Sullivan, an AFL waitress in a cafe here, her co-workers and friends gave her a shower of money and gifts to help her get started again.

## SET GIVEAWAY OF PRICELESS POWER SUPPLY

"I am shocked," said Congresswoman Gracie Pfof (D., Idaho). "It is hard to believe Mr. McKay is willing to deprive the people of his own state of Oregon, of the Northwest, and the whole nation of the full development of this great natural resource."

What shocked Mrs. Pfof and many other members of Congress was action by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay in canceling the department's previous approval of a proposed big government dam on the Snake River, on the border between Idaho and Oregon.

Thus McKay gave the go-ahead signal to the Idaho Power Co., which has applied to the Federal Power Commission for permission to build several smaller dams on the Snake River. McKay said his decision was approved by President Eisenhower.

Senator Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.) called McKay's action "a shocking betrayal of the public interest—further proof of what I warned during the election campaign—that the Eisenhower Administration would be a tool of monopolies."

### PROPOSALS COMPARED

For months, Morse and Mrs. Pfof, in speeches before the Senate and House, have been sounding warnings about the scheme to "give away" Hells Canyon to the private power trust. The situation they described boils down to this:

Hells Canyon is the greatest potential source of cheap electric power in the Northwest. Congress approved construction of a high public-owned dam. It would not only produce a million kilowatts of power, but also would help control floods and store vast quantities of water for irrigation.

Under the Truman Administration, former Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman approved this dam.

The Idaho Power Co. proposed to build much smaller and lower dams. Chapman said these would produce only about half as much power as the government dam, and would be no good for flood control or irrigation. These private dams would forever block construction of the government dam, because it would put them under water.

### "FORECLOSES" FUTURE

Last week, McKay admitted that the private dams would provide far less power than the public dam, and would not store all the water available from the Snake River. Nevertheless, he turned down the project for cheap and abundant public electric power, flood control, and irrigation, and okayed the giveaway of this almost priceless natural resource.

This means, as Morse and Mrs. Pfof have repeatedly pointed out, that in centuries to come the people of the Northwest and the nation will be robbed of most of the benefits they could get from adequate development of Hells Canyon. Dams last a long time, and the small private dams would "foreclose" construction of the big public dam as far as can be seen into the future.

"However," Mrs. Pfof said, "this Administration may stymie the Hells Canyon Dam temporarily, but there is no doubt in my mind that the high dam eventually will be built. The people will insist upon it."

"Despite McKay's decision, I am hopeful that the Federal Power Commission will disallow the petition of the Idaho Power Co. I shall do all I can to secure the great potential benefits of Hells

### Canyon for all the people."

The decision of the FPC will be worth watching. Until recently, the commission's chairman was Thomas C. Buchanan, who stood firmly and courageously for the public interest. Eisenhower did not reappoint Buchanan, and replaced him with Jerome K. Kuykendall, who has yet to prove whether he will side with the people or with the power trust.

## Armstrong Now Culinary-Bar Union Bus. Agt.

Robert Armstrong, who served Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 as a special organizer during last year's intensive campaign in Carmel and elsewhere, has been named business agent of the union, succeeding Royal E. Hallmark.

Letters to members, over signature of Robert S. Harrington, union president, said that Hallmark had requested a leave of absence "while undergoing medical treatment."

The letters point out that the executive board has assumed direction of union affairs and appointed Armstrong. Union elections will be held next month.

## Fenchel in S.F. For New Check

Randolph Fenchel, president of the Salinas Labor Temple Ass'n. and well known in labor union circles of the area, was in San Francisco last week for a new medical checkup as result of his recent serious major operation.

Friends reported that Fenchel is greatly improved and that his physician was pleased at the speed of recovery. Fenchel shortly is expected to be able to return to his duties as superintendent at the Salinas Sewage Treatment Plant.

## Carp. Council Holds Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters was held last week in Monterey, with Local 1323 as host.

Delegates said business was chiefly routine and included discussions of contract and welfare plan matters.

Next meeting will be Tuesday night, June 9, in Watsonville, with Local 771 as host.

## Russo, Martin Win Election

Monterey's city council elections were completed last week with Shedo ("Buck") Russo, incumbent councilman and a well known union member, and Carmel Martin Jr. named to the two posts. Councilman Anthony Alves, also a union leader, and Contractor Robert Summers, well known in union circles, failed to win election. Russo is member of Motion Theater Projectionists Union 611.

There's a new union of dollars in Washington. How's your union, brother?



# AFL, CIO Leaders Push Ban on Raiding, First Step to Merger

Washington (LPA)—Drafting of definite proposals to put an end to raiding between unions, leading the way to labor unity, are under way following a meeting of the presidents and secretary-treasurers of the AFL and CIO.

With agreement reached "in principle," and individual unions within both the AFL and CIO making strong efforts to create a "better climate" for unity by ending raids through agreements, plans to halt costly organizing conflicts will be presented to the full AFL and CIO unity committee composed of officers and heads of leading unions, on June 2.

Before AFL Pres. George Meany and Secy.-Treas. William Schnitzer and CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther and Secy.-Treas. James B. Carey as they met May 4 as members of a sub-committee named by the unity conference were statistics on raiding, which led them to agree that "crime does not pay," as a source phrases it. Other members of the sub-committee taking part in the preliminary merger moves are AFL Vice-Pres. Matthew Woll and CIO Steelworkers Pres. David J. McDonald.

Cited as evidence of the "new cooperation" within labor was the fact that Carey and Schnitzer

signed a joint petition for the National Labor Relations Board to open its files for the study of raiding problems by AFL and CIO research staffs. NLRB figures for 1951 and 1952 showed that AFL and CIO unions sought to oust one another—usually unsuccessfully—as bargaining agents 1,240 times. About 700 such petitions were filed by the CIO and 540 by the AFL, it was reported.

While it was emphasized by a source close to the conferees that there was no basic disagreement between them on steps to be taken, the procedure calls for representatives of the two organizations to draw up and exchange ideas preliminary to the June meeting. Among industries considered at the two-hour session were electrical and textiles, where rival unions have been carrying on bitter battles.

Meany, before leaving Philadelphia where he addressed the convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, said that "progress has been made" in the merger negotiations, while another member of the unity group said "so far the meetings are going along very smoothly."

Teamsters' Pres. Dave Beck, citing the joint organization agreement signed by his union and the Machinists in the auto repair and service industry, urged that other unions also sign no-raiding pacts.

## 'Loaded Question' In Shape-Up Poll, Meany Says of ILA

New York (LPA)—While members of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association were voting May 8, on whether to keep the shape-up hiring system, AFL President George Meany told a group of senators here that the ballot question was "loaded."

Meany pointed out to a Senate commerce subcommittee that the proposition on the ILA ballot was: "Are you satisfied with the present method of hiring?" That, said Meany, was a "loaded question—offering the longshoremen the system they've got or nothing." Agreeing with Sen. Charles W. Tobey (R. NH) that the shape-up "must go," Meany added "but I don't think they (the ILA) intend to do anything about it."

Meany also said he had absolutely no power over ILA President Joseph P. Ryan or control over the ILA—except that the AFL convention can kick the ILA out. Meany said that, if he tried to "fire" Ryan, "it would amuse him." On the shape-up vote, Meany said the ILA have offered its members an alternative plan on which to ballot, such as paying longshoremen for showing up to be hired, since they must do so on their own time for the convenience of the hiring boss.

It's a "sad picture," he said, that "the hiring boss has complete power over who he puts on a job, and nobody in the AFL has the power to control the hiring boss."

Meany noted that the ILA must report to the AFL executive council May 20 on what steps it has taken, if any to "clean up or get out," as directed earlier in the year. The council will then make recommendations to the AFL convention in September. Tobey said Ryan "hasn't done a damn thing" about cleaning up.

Though agreeing on the evils of the waterfront, Meany and Tobey engaged in a bitter exchange with Tobey demanding hotly that the ILA be expelled and Meany replying that "a union is like a congressman; it can't be expelled until it's convicted by trial."

"What we do is something we decide," said Meany. "You won't decide it."

Snapped back Tobey: "I think we will decide if you don't. We'll



**PACK THE BASKET**—There should be a marked increase in the number of picnics this year if—as Judy Jorrell assures us—this is the latest in picnic garb, LPA)

## MEANY BLASTS N.A.M. STAND ON HIGHER PAY

Philadelphia.—AFL Pres. George Meany exposed the hypocrisy of the latest propaganda drive of the National Association of Manufacturers against higher productivity pay in an address before the 41st annual convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers here.

The NAM says that savings from increased productivity should be distributed among consumers in the form of lower prices, Meany pointed out, but the record does not show that business is sincere in taking such a position. Even in periods of high productivity, prices have not come down, he declared.

The AFL chief made it clear that the NAM proposal to share production savings with consumers in the form of lower prices is merely an attempt to avoid having to pay workers for their increased productivity.

Unless wage earners receive a fair share of production gains, the nation may be headed for another 1929-style depression, he warned.

Meany emphasized the maintenance of high purchasing power is the best insurance against production cutbacks in the post-defense period. He urged business to let the American worker "see it in his pay envelope"—see the increased reward for greater productivity. More pay in the weekly envelope will stimulate increased consumption of farm and factory products far more effectively than illusory promises of lower prices, the AFL leader insisted.

## 6,800 D.C. Homes Lacked Even Plumbing In 1950, Study Shows

Washington (LPA)—The Census Bureau reports that in 1950 there were nearly 16,000 homes in the Washington metropolitan area without hot water or private toilets or baths; at least 6800 didn't even have running water; more than an eighth, or 44,500, had no central heating, relied on fireplaces, stoves, portable heaters, or were not heated at all. The Bureau listed 14,000 homes as dilapidated.

pass legislation to put the hooks into this fellow.

"If you can pass legislation to protect these men and these employers from exploitation, I think you should," replied Meany.

Meany pointed out that expelling the ILA would only "take the AFL label off that union... (The ILA) would go right on doing business." He said later that he had not considered the possibility of setting up a rival union if the ILA were ousted.

# TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS  
LOCAL 1020  
MONTEREY COUNTY

During his recent visit to Salinas, Dr. Irwin Kuenzli, national secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers, offered some very meaty comments indicating that the problems of education and labor extend far beyond our national boundaries, and are truly international in scope and magnitude.

The following is quoted from a digest made by Thelma Fox, secretary of AFT 1020, and published in the Monterey County Teacher of May 15:

The American Federation of Labor believes that widespread and adequate public education is basic to our democratic form of government and that we should tax where the wealth is in order to educate where the children are. School finance is one of the greatest internal problems we face today... (however) if we do not solve the problem of world wars, questions of school finance will not amount to much.

He urged that we use the two great forces of labor and education to bring about a world where children can live lives of peace, health, and prosperity. He next traced the history of teacher organizations on a worldwide basis. Union teachers of the world are now organized into the International Federation of Free Teachers Unions, which is associated with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. It is the hope of IFFTU to use the 53 million members of the International Confederation to help raise the level of education throughout the world.

Dr. Kuenzli asked whether his hearers realized that 50 per cent of the world is illiterate, and of the literate 50 per cent, at least half are not at an educational level adequate to support democratic government. He stated that low educational standards simply cannot support democracy and that we have a tremendous task internationally to raise standards of education so that democracy is possible. Africa, India, Indonesia, and Japan are on the march. The future of the United States will be determined by what happens in such areas. The labor movement is reaching out. It is perhaps the only force capable of saving the civilization of the world.

Dr. Kuenzli has recently returned from a trip around the world. In Japan he met with representatives of the largest teachers' union in the world. The union in Japan includes 450,000 members. It is the largest and most powerful union in Japan.

Before going to Japan, Dr. Kuenzli visited locals in Alaska. In Delhi, India, he was asked to send as much union literature as he could, as soon as possible. In Israel he found every teacher in the new state a union member. In Rome he found grade teachers 75 per cent organized and part of the very active trade union movement in Italy. He reported that the teachers' union in Nigeria is supposed to be the strongest trade union in Africa. He commented again on how labor is reaching out as one of the great forces of the world. We have teachers' unions in strategic parts of the world and through our association with these fellow unions we can develop a strong feeling of fraternity to promote international friendship and peace.

John H. Lewis is continuing his series of essays which we have been presenting in recent issues. The following is the last part of the second essay in the series:

During labor's struggle for recognition, and even today, the press has remained largely favorable toward management, and has slanted its news accordingly. This has contributed to and has strongly supported anti-labor and anti-union beliefs and attitudes. This has aided many to "know" too much about labor and unions that just isn't so. Never has one seen banner headlines about management's refusal to pay an adequate wage, or of the strikebreakers that management has hired to dynamite workers' homes. One seldom reads in most newspapers that

for every strike, there have been some 5,000 labor-management contracts peacefully negotiated. One generally reads only headline stereotypes of labor's "imperiling the very foundations of our economy" by strikes.

Like racial prejudice, anti-labor beliefs and attitudes are inculcated, more or less unconsciously, in children at a very early age. Children pick up their attitudes and beliefs from the people who influence them, usually parents and teachers. For the most part, they carry their attitudes and beliefs with them for the rest of their lives.

Yet another cause for people being anti-labor and anti-union can be found in the misuse by foes of labor and unions of the peculiarly attractive exclusion principle. This principle recognizes the powerful human motives of wanting to be accepted and respected. By employing these motives in such a way as to get large, unorganized but status-seeking segments of the population, such as white-collar workers, to exclude groups such as laborers, semi-skilled workers, and craftsmen as being inferior, uneducated, and untouchable, anti-labor forces may and do manipulate many into seeking identity with the so-called upper classes. If unwary, many unorganized but ambitious people become anti-labor and anti-union. This identification with the so-called upper classes feeds their egos, makes them feel accepted and respected. This falsely gives them a feeling of superiority, success, and worthwhileness.

The possession of correct knowledge, as a rule, does not suffice to rectify false attitudes, beliefs, or prejudices. With the exclusion principle paramount in their minds most people will not change their attitudes or prejudices for fear of loss of status or prestige among their own groups or from their "superiors." In fact, most people, both educated and uneducated, close their minds to facts or truths that threaten their systems of logic. Before a person can replace false beliefs with the truth, there must take place a process of re-education, a linkage between acceptance of new facts or values and acceptance of new groups of values. This should be a natural function of the schools; that it isn't, bemoans our schools. It is another instance where through fear and "knowing" too much that just isn't so, false attitudes, beliefs, and prejudices are allowed, even encouraged, to flourish.

In summary, one can say that anti-labor-union prejudice is determined not by contact with a union or by knowledge of the facts, but by contact with the prevalent attitudes toward union and labor activities in a particular segment of the culture. The most bitterly prejudiced people, as a rule, have never attended a labor union meeting. They have stereotyped anti-labor pictures in their minds. Anti-labor-union prejudice usually is instilled in the minds of the young early in the life span. The prejudice soon becomes logic-tight, almost impervious to truth. Like its kindred spirits—bigotry, racial intolerance, and war—it is not inborn or really rational. It is nurtured by the continued impact of widespread reactionary forces striving to maintain the status quo: one group superior to another.

—JOHN H. LEWIS.  
(The next essay will concern itself with teachers' attitudes and beliefs toward unions.)

We are very pleased that the Iowa State Federation of Teachers reprinted our December 8th cover of the Monterey County Teacher in their April Newsletter. Janet Barber take a bow!

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# SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

## AFT President Carl Megel Writes on Stan Jacobs Case

We have received the following from our national president, who was here April 1 investigating the controversy with the junior college. We think the letter is important as it designates a point of view from a leader who represents a large segment of teachers over the United States. We call particular attention to the last two paragraphs:

"Mr. Ben Rust met me at the airport, and we immediately went to Richmond. We began a series of conferences with influential civic and professional leaders in the community. We tried to enlist their co-operation and support. That evening, we attended a regular meeting of the Central Labor Council in Martinez, where the request of the teachers' local for aid and assistance received wholehearted and unanimous support. The Council set up a negotiating committee and directed the committee to plan a conference between the superintendent and the union teachers the following Monday.

"Given the opportunity to speak from the floor on this question, I emphasized that this attack upon union teachers was of grave concern to the organized labor movement because the intimidating and harassing of teachers interested in teacher unions paved the way for later attacks upon other labor unions.

"The following day . . . I met with Superintendent McCunn in his office. The Superintendent asked . . . to have some Board of Directors' members present. . . Unfortunately, only Director Gordon showed up. After listening to both Superintendent McCunn and Director Gordon discuss at great

length the reason for dismissal, I finally stated:

"I want to make the position of the American Federation of Teachers perfectly clear. We will fight to see that all teachers get a square deal. We will not support or condone incompetent teaching. However, during all of the time that I have listened to you, neither of you has given me one bit of evidence to show that these dismissals are for incompetence.

"Therefore you do not have a case."

"This position could not be challenged by either the Superintendent or the Director. Particularly in the case of Stan Jacobs they stated over and over that he is being dismissed because he is so 'uncompromising.' Otherwise, 'we like him.' But the unanswered question still remains unanswered. Would he have been considered so uncompromising had he not been a leader in the teacher union movement?"

"In Stan's own words: 'I have worked hard for three years. I have done a good job. They admit that. I want my job and my tenure.' The heroic efforts of the many friends of the Contra Costa Federation of Teachers were gratifying, but I wonder how gratifying it was to a purple heart veteran to return to civilian life and reap the bitter fruits of autocratic manipulation. Such a thing is worse when it originates in an educational institution where freedom and democracy should become a beacon light in the enslaved world.

"I felt increasing shame and contempt that in this enlightened age these injustices still exist. I renewed my resolution, and I here and now earnestly invite each and every one of you to increase your energies and vigor in promoting and enlarging the influence and prestige of the labor movement in America so that very soon these throwbacks to the dark ages can not happen."

—CARL J. MEGEL, Pres., American Federation of Teachers. (Release of Federation Newsletter, Teachers Local 866.)

## Office Wkrs. Gain 24½c Pay Raise

St. Louis (LPA)—Clerical workers at Frisco Transportation Co. here gained pay increases of 23c to 30c an hour, for an average of 24½c, in a contract negotiated by Local 13 AFL Office Employees. The agreement also provides for time and a half for the first four hours on Saturday and double time thereafter. Three days of paid leave is allowed for a death in the immediate family and sick leave may be accumulated up to 30 days.

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## VELOZ-YOLANDA DANCE REVIEW COMING TO S.F.

Veloz and Yolanda, whose contribution to American ballroom dancing is in the same tradition as Rodgers and Hammerstein's contribution to the world of musical comedy—everything they do is touched with glamorous success—will bring their "Cavalcade of Dance" to the Geary Theatre for one week beginning Monday evening, May 18, at 8:30 p.m., with a single matinee to be given Saturday, May 23, at 2:30 p.m., and including a performance on Sunday evening, May 24.

Presenting a rhythmic and suave panorama of dance fashions down through the years, Veloz and Yolanda's "Cavalcade of Dance" will also feature the debut of their two children, Veloz and Yolanda, junior, aged nine and seven, respectively, who they have been training since they were old enough to toddle.

Among the numbers Veloz and Yolanda will do on their "Cavalcade" will be such favorites as "Anniversary Waltz," "Dark Town Strutters Ball," "Maxixe," "Swing Minuet," "Whispering," and their ever-famous "Tango Yolanda."

Robert Garretson and William Teaford, well known pianists, will be at the duo pianos for the occasion and will perform piano concert numbers of their own.

Veloz and Yolanda, who personally manage some 35 dance studios of their own in major cities across the nation, have taken time out for this concert, their first in several years.

## Durkin Asks Extension Of Trade Legislation As Benefit to Workers

Washington (LPA)—Urging extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for an additional year, pending study by a bipartisan commission, Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin said May 7: "It is clearly in the interests of the American working man and woman that the volume of international trade be maintained at the highest possible levels."

Durkin urged the promoting of higher labor standards in other parts of the world as a means of minimizing competition based on inferior pay scales and poor working conditions.

In a statement to the House Ways and Means Committee, which has been holding hearings on the extension, opposed by some industrialists and dairy interests, Durkin said: "There is no doubt that the great bulk of American industry is able to meet international competition, both in the United States and in the open markets of the world, despite the great wage differentials, because of the enormous differences in productivity which actually result in lower costs of production for the American producers."

## Fairer TV Coverage Urged for Hearings

Columbus, O. (LPA)—A greater effort to arrive at fairer television coverage of legislative hearings was urged by AFL Radio-TV Consultant Morris Novik in an address to the Institute for Education by Radio Television.

Novik said too many telecasts show witnesses being accused and then end without showing the witness making a denial.

He pointed out that while newspapers are able to cover an entire hearing, and radio stations can edit tape recordings, a live telecast usually is dependent upon selections of parts of a hearing. He urged that TV broadcasters and legislative committees work together to assure that the telecasts will do justice to witnesses pictured.

## Unions Advised to Get Women Out

Oakland.—There is a cure for sparse attendance at union meetings—get the wives and other women relatives of members interested. That's the word of Acting Western AFL Director Thomas Randall, who told of some locals serving refreshments at meetings with a social atmosphere, attended by the women folk. Subsequently, he related, attendance at regular meetings jumped 100 per cent as the women, their interest kindled, urged the men to turn out.

"We need to include our families in the union movement," Randall

told the Central Labor Council. "Statisticians tell us that there are seven women for every five men in the United States, and that out of every dollar a man makes his wife is in charge of 85c of it."

As an instance of success in obtaining family cooperation, he cited a sociable meeting held by a Bakersfield local, with 600 in attendance. The women liked it so much that they have asked for such gatherings at least once every three months.

"Reaction is under way," Mitchell warned. "We've got to do everything possible to tighten our ranks."

## GM Sales, Net Profits, Jump in First Quarter

New York (LPA)—General Motors Corp. sales hit a new high of \$2,546,854,722 in the first quarter of 1953. The figure for the same 1952 period was \$1,793,085, 048.

Net profits (after all charges) were \$151,261,876, against \$127, 023,260 in the like 1952 period. This came to \$1.70 a common share against \$1.42 in 1952.

Although GM has the largest defense contracts in the country, only \$456 million of its sales were defense items, and \$2 billion was civilian.

## Hiring Record Set By Employment Offices

Washington (LPA)—Public employment offices broke a postwar record for the month in finding jobs for 618,000 workers in March, Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin announced early this month. Of those hired, Durkin noted, 126,600 were veterans while 215,400 were women. Nearly all manufacturing industries showed gains for the month, he said, and there were sharp hiring rises in construction and utilities.

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## New Deal in Reverse

It is sometimes frightening to look behind the smiling, photogenic faces of such top people as Ike Eisenhower and Oveta Culp Hobby and see the grim, ruthless, inhumane forces and purposes at work—a sort of rotten interior to a glittering exterior.

We simply can't believe that people with such nice faces as these two, for instance, really know fully what is taking place. There are some faces in the new line-up, including Cabinet and White House people, that plainly show the pinched, drawn, hard-eyed effect of a lifetime of money-worship and the inhumanity it requires. Some of these faces look as if they know what is going on, but the serene, saintly smiles of the others portray mostly innocence.

It is possible, however, to grow up with thieves and despite maturity, despite wisdom, despite a bit of elbow-rubbing with the poor, to throw one's chin out in self-imbued righteousness, emboldened by the group association, and tell oneself that one is really fine and noble and a leader, whereas deep inside one knows he is a scoundrel. This must be the psychology of most of our fine, financial families. How else could they plan long, happy summer vacations made possible by the labor of workers who they deeply hate because they want maybe a nickel an hour more for a lifetime of work? How else could they be so clean and so happy with so much vicious human exploitation behind them?

## Divine Right of Property?

As simple working people, we ask these dumb questions, how can they do this—to other human beings? Maybe it is a wonderful thing that the unbelievable, legalized robbery, corruption, and rottenness in high places doesn't get down and infect the masses of ignorant, plodding, basically honest American people.

Behind a big Oveta Hobby smile or a Joe McCarthy frown, the administration continues its quiet, steady theft of social security, adequate health care, public-owned resources, union and worker rights, soaking the people huge interest for their use of their own money, loss of worker savings thru ever higher monopoly prices. This goes on behind noble speeches about the divine right of property over human rights, constant war scares, and sensation headlines in the kept press to keep our minds off the truth.

The "Vanderbilts" of America have gotten away with undue riches squeezed out of ill-fed, ill-housed millions for generations, with only FDR (and his echo Truman) as a jarring, momentary setback, but now wealthy boobs like Taft are back running the government. Now they have free rein, and the biggest steal from the people in a hundred years is under way.

What will come of this new brash U.S. leadership? Certainly no good abroad and probably a third World War that will devastate this country. At home it will lead to great resentment by the common people and a strong swing to the left.

It is a toss-up who will destroy the U.S. first—its own people or a foreign power. That day is tragically hastened by today's Dollar Rule of the U.S.

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

By WM. G. KENTON, Secy.  
Monterey County Teamsters,  
Local 890

A social security account is usually the backbone of most people's estate, usually the biggest cash asset. It is a base for you to build financial security upon for the time when earned income is cut off by old age or the death of the family breadwinner. Consequently, it is of the utmost importance that you keep your social security record straight. Your social security card is the key to your social security account. Use that card! Don't lose it! Your account is posted by machinery and is only as correct as the tax return made by the employer, or by you if you are a self-employed person. Therefore, be sure that your employer has your name and number exactly as they appear on your card. This is one way to help keep your account correct. In this way you can make your money count!

Check up your social security record at least once every four years. If there should be an error of any kind it is much easier to correct it before too much time passes. You can ask the Social Security Administration for a check-up of your account by post card or letter giving your name and number as they appear on your card, your date of birth, and your signature. The entire record as it appears on your account up to about six months ago will be furnished you promptly. Do your part in helping to keep your social security account straight. That social security card and what it represents is important. Use the card! Don't lose it!

For further information regarding these or any other points involving your social security, get in touch with the Social Security Field Office at the address below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

## Cut in Health Funds Would End X-Ray Program

The Eisenhower Administration wants to abolish the program of chest x-rays sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Testimony of officers of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare before a House appropriations subcommittee disclosed that slashes in the budget not only will end the program for detecting tuberculosis—they also will force the closing of three hospitals and will cut down the amount of medical research and health aid to the states.

In all, the department cut 19 per cent from funds allotted the agency by the Truman Administration.



Washington, D. C.

## • Posted . . . No Farming:

The Department of Agriculture in the near future, plans to examine the farmers' qualifications to see which ones are "fit to farm." When the farmers hear about this, a lot of them are going to be "fit to be tied." John Davis of the Agriculture Department and head of CCC, says that there are too many "inefficient farmers." Davis says it would be better to get them off the farms and use the farms to grow grass and trees. This is the latest piece of business from the Business Administration.

## • Thank You for the Postal Avalanche:

Last July, I reported to you the pitiful case of 11-year-old Odell Hall of Nortonville, Ky.—almost blind, in critical condition from hardening of the arteries. He wanted some picture postcards, and thanks to you folks, he got them. Odell's mother tells me that her son received more than a quarter of a million cards and letters from all over the world since my broadcast. As a result of these messages, Odell's doctor says the youngster's condition is considerably improved; he has taken a new interest in life. Thanks for helping a little guy who couldn't help himself.

## • Memo on Senator Taft:

When opponents of the oil giveaway bill offered to postpone their discussion while the Senate took action on rent controls, which were scheduled to expire the end of April, Sen. Robert Taft refused, saying: "I don't care if rent controls expire or not."

Commenting on President Eisenhower's widespread acclaim for his recent peace address, Taft said: "That's fine, but it's a long way off."

Perhaps Senator Taft's attitude becomes more understandable if we stop to consider that for 12 years he has been in a state of suspended nomination.

## JOKES, Etc.

Truth is eternal. It is what remains after all lies are told.

A woman's past is either scandalously indecent or shamefully uninteresting.

Failure is the line of least persistence.

Some heads are like doorknobs—anybody can turn them.

Many a stenographer who complains about her boss talking too

fast while dictating get married and talks twice that fast to her husband.

A youngster, being scolded for a poor report card, asked:

"Daddy, what do you think is the trouble with me—heredity or environment?"

A four-year-old boy got a severe sunburn and his skin began to peel. One day, as he washed his face, his mother heard him mutter to himself:

"Only four and wearing out already!"

In a Winslow, Ariz., drug store: "Our Soda Jerks Are Licensed Fizzicians."

In the window of a New York Turkish bath: "We Make Young Colts Out of Old 45s."

Over a display of baby chicks: "Cheepers by the Dozen."

From a patent medicine testimonial: "Since taking your tablets regularly, I am another woman. Needless to say, my husband is delighted."

Any girl can be gay  
In a classy coupe;  
In a taxi they all can be jolly.  
But the girl worth while,  
Is the girl who can smile,  
When you're bringing her home  
on the trolley.

The employees at a factory noticed that one man was unusually glum and asked him why.

"I think my wife is getting tired of me," he replied.

"What makes you think so?"

"Well, every day this week she has wrapped my lunch in a road map."

A race track is the only place to find windows that clean people.



UNION CHOICE—There was no smoke in anybody's eyes when AFL Fire Fighters in Seattle, Wash., selected Donna Puckett as "Miss Seattle Fire Fighter of 1953." (LPA)

## "UNION MAID"—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings



# Administration Kills Fight Against Rats, Insects in Wheat

Washington (LPA)—The program of the Food and Drug Administration to protect consumers against rat-stained and insect-polluted wheat has been killed by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The murder was revealed in innocent sounding doubletalk in an announcement by the two departments of a "plan to promote improvement in the harvesting, storage, transportation and processing of grain . . ." to be developed by a 15-man committee. Buried in the next-to-the-last paragraph was this: ". . . the two departments agreed to set aside temporarily certain enforcement aspects of the program . . ."

The program they were "setting aside temporarily" was this: Since 1949 the FDA has been putting on an educational campaign to encourage the clean storage of wheat for human consumption, and since last fall it has seized 40 carloads of wheat found to be thoroughly contaminated with rat filth. The solid excreta could be washed from the grain, but the urine soaks into the kernels and cannot be entirely removed.

Beginning last fall also, FDA had intended to seize wheat contaminated with insects that lay their eggs on the outside of the kernels and cover them up so well that they are invisible. Worms hatch from the eggs and eat their way into the kernels, consuming the entire interior before emerging. These are currently being ground up into the bread we eat.

Pressure was put on FDA, however, to postpone the enforcement of the grain program until July 1. Meanwhile, grain interests went to the senators, and the Senate Agriculture

Committee had FDA officials on the carpet at "hearings" in March.

Although grain industry leaders had been thoroughly cooperative with FDA in the educational program, the idea of actual enforcement hurt. They were smarting under the rat seizures and looking forward with fear to the insect seizures. Every carload seized would have to be diverted to animal fodder, cutting the value of each bushel about in half. Their wallets were exposed.

So Secretaries Oveja Culp Hobby of Health, Education and Welfare, and Ezra Taft Benson of Agriculture issued their joint statement announcing the appointment of the 15-man committee to "develop" a "plan" because of the "uncertainties involved in the program." It would consist of two representatives of the Agriculture Department, two from FDA, four from land-grant colleges in wheat states, two nutrition experts—and five from the grain industry.

It was the standard Eisenhower Administration technique of murder-by-study-commission "to look into the problem"—indefinitely. Observers saw little hope of reviving the program soon, and consumers could expect to go on eating rat-dampened wheat with ground-up insects in their bread and cereals.

Asked how FDA felt about it, one official looked out the window and replied, "No comment."

## Rep. Condon Describes Congressional Sabotage of Public Housing Program

Rep. Robert Condon, who was in Vallejo on Monday of this week for the launching of the USS Bluebird, had almost equal allotments of bad and good news for the local AFL labor officials with whom he conferred.

Rep. Condon briefed Central Labor Council President Wayne Wilt, Secy. Lowell Nelson and Metal Trades' Wilbert Smith, who were also present at the launching—on the progress of the housing appropriation bill through the House. "The House," he said, "voted to cut from the Appropriation Bill all authorization for new starts in the field of public housing. The Yates Amendment to allow 35,000 new starts was defeated with the vote being almost strictly on party lines. Along with the overwhelming majority of Democrats, I of course voted for the Yates Amendment."

"I think," he continued, "this is another illustration of the complete lack of leadership in the Eisenhower Administration. President Eisenhower asked for 35,000 new starts, but made no effort to obtain any Republican support to insure any public housing. At a press conference after the defeat of the Yates Amendment, the President shrugged his shoulders and

said the decision was up to Congress.

"I am hopeful," he added, "that the American people will sooner or later realize that the Republican leadership in Congress is determined to turn the clock back and is not even supporting the minimum program of their own President."

Locally, however, Condon expressed confidence that funds would be forthcoming to construct the Monticello Dam.

"It looks good despite the tremendous amount of unbelievable hostility on the part of opponents," he said, referring to hopes for obtaining the \$3,000,000 authorized last year by Congress for start of construction on the project.

"WE'VE BEEN relying on last year's appropriation and they (opponents) want us to start all over again. There have been 10 hearings already and Friday's will be the 11th. Congress is perfectly familiar with the project and there is no need for further hearings as sought by Congressman Scudder (Rep. Hubert Scudder of San Rafael who represents 10 Northern California counties, including Napa County).

"The pace in Congress has been slow but we are gradually getting appropriation bills through," he said. "I doubt if there will be many new appropriation bills. The administration feels that it should let things ride as they are for the time being."

He said he did not expect any extension of Social Security and doubted if there would be any tax reduction at this session.

"I WOULDN'T be surprised if the President and Congress set up a schedule of the 1954 session but I doubt if they'll do much in the tax reduction field at this session," he said.

No decisions have been made regarding any changes for Mare Island, Congressman Condon said.

## ELPC Urged to Back Tax Changes to Help Working Mothers

Washington (LPA)—The Eastern Labor Press Conference has been urged to get behind the campaign for tax changes to allow working mothers to deduct the cost of child care from taxable income.

The proposal was made in a letter from Bernard Tassler, ELPC vice-president, to Frank Powers, ELPC head and secretary-treasurer of the Commercial Telegraphers Union. The AFL Office Employees and other unions with many women members are backing the bill of Rep. Kenneth A. Roberts (D., Ala.) to permit such deductions. A similar bill has been introduced by Rep. Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.).

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LADIES DAY—The six top scorers in the Arizona AFL's annual scholarship competition all turned out to be girls this year. The test was on the history, aims and practices of the American labor movement. Winners, left to right, were: Barbara Smith, Phoenix; Lenora Enloe, Chandler; Barbara McNeil, Winslow; Barbara Goor, West Phoenix; Virginia Hinton, North Phoenix; and Enojean Kerber, Tucson. Judges were Dr. Charles H. Woods of University of Arizona and Dr. A. B. Abbott, principal of Yuma High School.

## Still Have Chance To Win Passage Of Public Housing

Washington (LPA) — Despite previous House action killing the public housing program, labor's campaign for low-rent homes may still be crowned with success. But it will take additional pressure, this time on the Senate.

Restoration of funds for 35,000 housing units was voted by a Senate Appropriations subcommittee May 6, and it was anticipated that the full committee will concur. Then there'll be a Senate battle followed by conference with the House before it will be decided how many units will be built—if any.

Although the Eisenhower administration trimmed Truman's final budget recommendations calling for 75,000 units, to 35,000 holding that the proper figure, the House had refused to authorize any money at all for public housing.

The subcommittee also knocked out a House rider forbidding the use of any slum clearance money to provide sidewalks, sewers or roadways. Opponents said the rider would have prevented many cities from carrying out slum clearance programs with Federal money.

Too, the subcommittee restored a cut in funds for administration of the Federal National Mortgage Association, the government's agent for purchasing mortgages in the secondary market, and greatly loved by realtors and the lenders.



—From San Francisco Call-Bulletin

TEAMSTERS NOVELIST — Leon Uris, member of Teamsters local 921 in San Francisco, is the author of the new World War II novel "Battle Cry", which was greeted with rave notices by the critics. A truck driver for the San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Uris spent three years writing the book in his spare time. (LPA)

## Stunted Lives, Needless Deaths, And Untold Heartbreak—the Price We Now Pay for AMA Rule

Washington (LPA) — America is paying the price "in stunted lives, needless deaths, and untold heartbreak" for the victory of the American Medical Association to date over national health insurance. So the "Economic Outlook" charges in its current issue.

"After the smoke of AMA propaganda clears away, the basic health problems that cry for positive remedies still remain," the Outlook says.

Forecasting labor's continued fight for health protection "available to all the people," the Outlook tabulates the gains made for union members and their families through union efforts.

"Higher wages have brought better diets . . . shorter hours, control of the speed-up and safer working conditions have helped maintain the health and vigor of American wage earners," the publication contends. It adds:

"Our unions' many accomplishments in achieving greater security have lessened the devastating effect of anxiety upon people's lives. The assurance and pride in community participation, which come through union membership, have brought positive psychological gains that have contributed profoundly to the healthy functioning of parents and thus, of their children. In a way, every union advance has thus contributed to health."

To these achievements, the Outlook adds the major gains achieved in contracts providing hospitalization and surgical insurance for workers and their families.

"But much remains to be done," the Outlook says, citing the report of the Truman Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation, on which CIO President Walter P. Reuther served.

After reciting some of the health needs outlined in the report, the Outlook continues: "We must continue the struggle for better health on many fronts. Under present political conditions, the greatest hope for progress lies through collective bargaining, but our accomplishments through that channel do not lessen the need for government action."

It lists some of the gains which could be won through collective bargaining as follows:

Healthier and safer working conditions; improved protection against the costs of hospitalization and medical care; extension of existing plans to cover more workers with similar coverage for dependents, plus extension and improvement of cash sickness payments.

"The task is only partly that of convincing the employer that he should agree to bear the costs of improved programs, either entirely or on a shared basis," the CIO pub-

lication observed. "It is equally important that the terms of plans that are being paid for are improved so as to overcome the many shortcomings" that now exist.

Other projects outlined included wider union representation on Blue Cross policymaking boards, with the aim of using pre-paid insurance for preventive and diagnostic care, thus avoiding serious illness and prolonged hospitalization.

But there will be no relaxation in labor's fight for national health insurance, the Economic Outlook made clear.

## DeMille Is Barred From TV Show, Not In Good Standing

Los Angeles (LPA)—Cecil B. DeMille will not appear on a scheduled telecast of Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" because members of the AFL American Federation of Radio and Television Artists will not appear with him.

Claude McCue, west coast secretary of the AFRTA, said the show's New York producers had been notified that DeMille is "not a member in good standing." The date of the scheduled performance wasn't revealed.

DeMille was suspended from the AFRTA's predecessor, the American Federation of Radio Artists, in 1944 for refusing to pay a \$1 assessment to help the union fight a proposed "right to work" bill in California. As a result, he had to give up his \$98,200 a-year job as narrator for the Lux Radio Theater. The union's action was upheld in every court that DeMille took it to, including the California Supreme Court.

Since then DeMille has been fighting organized labor and campaigning for federal union-busting legislation through his "DeMille Political Federation Foundation."

McCue said the "Toast of the Town" action was routine, based on the feeling that DeMille would have appeared as a performer rather than as a guest star. Union membership is not necessary for the latter. McCue said DeMille's status was "the same as any member who has been suspended for nonpayment of dues."

There's a new union of dollars in Washington. How's your union, brother?



# 'Carousel' Opens S.F. 14th Season Of Light Opera

"Carousel," Rodgers and Hammerstein's greatest musical hit, starring William Johnson and Jan Clayton, launches the 14th annual festival of the San Francisco Civic Light Opera at the Curran Theater, Monday evening, June 1st. It will play four weeks with matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Based on Ferenc Molnar's international success, "Liliom," this musical was first presented by the Theatre Guild eight years ago, and has since won the acclaim of the musical stage as the original had captured that of the legitimate theater. Song hits include "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," "If I Loved You," "You'll Never Walk

Alone" and "What's the Use of Wonderin'?"

Produced by Edwin Lester, general director of the San Francisco Civic Light Opera, "Carousel" has been directed by Rouben Mamoulian, who staged the original Broadway production. Choreography is by Agnes de Mille, as reproduced by Robert Paget, with scenery designed by Oliver Smith and costumes by Dorothy Jenkins.

Supporting Johnson, a favorite of the London stage, and Clayton, who created the role in the Broadway original, will be Murvyn Vye, as the villain; Kaye Connor and Earl Williams, as the other couple; and Betta St. John, who played

the role of Liat on Broadway in "South Pacific," as the featured dancer.

The other three musicals on the current Civic Light Opera festival are "The Great Waltz," starring Dorothy Kirsten and John Charles Thomas, opening July 6; "Carnival in Flanders," a new musical comedy, opening Aug. 3; and the world premiere of "Kismet," starring Alfred Drake, which opens Sept. 14.

## AFL Unionists Share \$4-Million Pay Hike for Michigan State Workers

Lansing, Mich. (LPA)—Members of the AFL State, County and Municipal Employees shared in \$4,000,000 pay raises gained in negotiations with the Michigan Civil Service Commission. AFL civil service employees in the state were represented at commission hearings by Jack Friedman, president of the union's Local 31.

The new scales, with increases ranging from 2.6 per cent to 6.5 per cent, according to pay bracket, will become effective July 1. The most substantial hikes went to employees in the lower pay grades. Excepted from the general raise were penal and hospital workers who gained higher scales in February.

Still being pressed by the state employees are demands for increased annual leave based on seniority, full premium payment by the state for Blue Cross hospitalization, elimination of compensatory time off in lieu of overtime with time and half for all work in excess of eight hours a day or 40 hours a week.

Attend your meetings!

# What to Do About It

By I. B. PADWAY

Let's look into the continual complaint of the anti-unionist. You know the fellow I mean, he or she who says unions are too darn exacting—they want too much.

Take, for instance, the one who complains because the unions ask for vacation with pay, or an increase in wages, or severance pay, or shorter working hours, or better safety conditions. There are the fellows who hark back and say, "When my father worked, believe me, he put in a day's work for damn little money."

Now the big complaint against the demand of unions for welfare plans seems to be the vague. Your writer just got out of the hospital, where he languished for nine days. No operating room, no surgical intervention, nothing but nursing care, and it cost doggone near \$600—close to \$70 a day. Where is the common working man going to get that kind of money to protect himself against the ravishment of sickness and misfortune which strikes so unexpectedly?

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The fool who says that a union is wrong in demanding a suitable and substantial welfare plan is the same kind of a fool who thinks that nothing can strike him. Why, mark you, I was in the hospital seven weeks ago and in that period of time the same room that I occupied, which was then \$19, is now \$21—a 10 per cent increase in seven weeks.

Organized labor asks for but a 4c or 5c increase, which represents possibly, 2, 3 or 4 per cent at the most, and the employer looks upon them as thought they were highwaymen and robbers.

The day has come when the employer who perchance must go to a hospital and pay his \$65, \$75 or \$100 per day must provide adequate protection to his employees. These employees who created the where-with-all so that he could pay such large sums of money for his health. It was their energy which brought him his profits and a modicum of protection. Thus, a substantial protection should be afforded his employees.

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WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT? The representatives of organized labor must sit down at the bargaining tables and obtain for their membership welfare plans which will take care of their membership and their families in time of adversity. They cannot accept plans which are on a parallel of Blue Cross

or other such plans, for they do not meet the needs of the disabled.

Why, I know one hospital here in San Jose that charges \$13 to \$15 per day in a 26-bed barracks with no partitions between the beds—nothing but a hanging curtain. I was visiting a client of mine one day when the woman in the next bed went through all the agonies of death and suddenly passed on in my presence. It affected me. You can imagine how it affected my client who was ill at the time. Before you can get into a hospital here in San Jose today, you literally have to lay down your right eye.

Most of these plans such as the Blue Cross, etc., allow a person \$10 as a maximum per day for a hospital room. The difference must be paid by the sick and indigent.

As I said, what to do about it is to get bigger and better coverage under the welfare plans, one that pays some medical due and not only for surgery. If one is to examine the schedule of what is allowed for surgery and what is charged, it would be like throwing a lollipop to a drowning person.

To heck with the guy and gal who says that labor is demanding. Let's go out and get it.

## Sacramento Trout

Sacramento.—As part of its Sacramento-San Joaquin River salmon and steelhead study, the California Dept. of Fish and Game planted 63,622 marked yearling steelhead trout in the Sacramento and its tributaries during March and April.

The fish, averaging six inches in length, were raised from wild stock trapped by crews of the federal Coleman Hatchery. The three-year Dingell-Johnson project is financed partly with proceeds of the federal tax on angling gear. Kamloops, Inc., a sportmen's organization, participates in the program by providing fish food and assistance in planting.

State employee Harry A. Hanson, project leader, reported steelhead fingerling plants in the following locations: Battle Creek, Shasta County, 25,430; Mill Creek, Tehama County, 12,990; Sacramento River, Glenn County, 12,690; Sacramento River, Colusa County, 12,480.

In its mission of measuring the results of hatchery-raised steelhead versus naturally-produced fish, the project needs the cooperation of northern California anglers, said Hanson. Fishermen who catch a steelhead with two fins clipped or missing are urged to turn in the fish to the nearest sporting goods store, State Dept. of Fish and Game employee, or regional office. Report forms are provided by Kamloops, Inc.

## Publicity Aide Named By AFL Office Employees

Washington (LPA)—The AFL Office Employees Intl. Union has added a public relations specialist, David L. Perlman, to its staff. Recently on the staff of "The Machinist," weekly organ of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists, he has been a reporter for Transradio Press and two newspapers.

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Danny Kay brought greetings from the 4 A's to AFL President George Meany at the testimonial dinner given in his honor by the New York Unions.

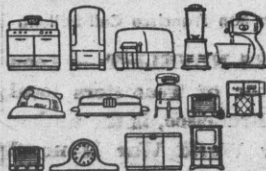
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# The Winning Ticket



## Disabling Injuries in California

Last week this column contained statistics on disabling injuries in California during 1950 and 1951 from power saws. This week, the statistics compiled by the State Division of Industrial Safety in its campaign against accidents are completed. We urge you to save both last week's and this week's columns for reference—and above all BE SAFE on the job.

### Injuries from Explosive Powered Hand Tools

Serious injuries from power tools have been reduced since creation of safety standards, due to cooperation of labor, management, manufacturers and distributors. Here are statistics:

Accident Type	1950	1951
Struck by tool or charge while using	11	8
Struck while not in use	1	1
Something in eye	2	1
Ear injury	1	1
Total	15	11

**Injuries Involving Scaffolds:** One out of every five working surface injuries in 1951 was on a scaffold. Falls are the greatest single cause, responsible also for 12 deaths in 1950 and 10 deaths in 1951. Collapsing scaffolds resulted in four deaths also in 1950.

Most of the scaffold falls are because platforms are too narrow and guard rails are inadequate or not provided. State safety orders require wide platforms and proper guard rails, and workers should not use a scaffold which is unsafe. Here are statistics:

Accident Type	1950	1951
Fall from elevation	866	885
Slips	77	62
Fall on same level	37	18
Strain	52	52
Struck by objects	22	27
Collapse of scaffold	13	16
Flying objects	11	13
Rolling objects	1	1
Bumping into objects	33	28
Sharp objects	5	3
Caught in scaffold	9	5
Other	3	2
Total	1129	1112

### Injuries from Trucks Backing Up

Accidents caused by backing trucks caused five deaths in 1950. Before backing up a truck, the driver should be certain that no one is behind, or is in danger of coming behind the moving vehicle. The driver should sound the horn while backing up. Statistics show 15 workers hurt when trucks backed over them, 8 injuries by being pinned by truck to a wall, and 4 injuries caused when the truck backed into an object which overturned on workers.

**Trench Injuries:** Four persons were killed in 1950 and four in 1951 due to cave-in of ditches, trenches or excavations. Injuries from falls into ditches, trenches or excavations totaled 103 in 1950 and rose to 138 in 1951.

Accidents CAN be prevented, or at least sharply reduced, if safety orders are observed. All working men should BE SAFE, and should refuse to work with unsafe equipment or tools.

(Next week: Story of the Reber Plan.)

## Industrial Relations In Great Britain

A new and up-to-date edition of the "Industrial Relations Handbook," compiled by the British Ministry of Labour and National Service, has been published by H.M. Stationery Office, London, England, price 63c (postage extra). The handbook is an official exposition of industrial relations in Great Britain.

The original edition of the book, written primarily for the use of the Ministry's own staff, was issued for general publication in 1944 in the belief that it would interest others. The demand for copies turned out to be widespread and continuous, and a revised up-to-date edition has therefore been issued.

The handbook summarizes British legislation affecting industrial relations, outlines the development of collective bargaining, and describes the joint negotiating machinery existing in certain selected industries. Other chapters deal with British workshop collaboration, state provision for the avoidance of and settlement of trade disputes, wartime industrial policy and legislation, the Fair Wages Resolutions of the House of Commons, statutory wage regulation, holidays with pay, systems of wage payment, wage incentive schemes, hours of labor and overtime rates, the interim index of retail prices, and the work of the International Labor Office.

Support the labor press!

## Humphrey Winner of Straw Vote at Show

Minneapolis, Minn.—Hubert Humphrey received more votes than four other potential Republican opponents combined in a straw vote for U.S. Senator held at the Union Label Trades show.

Humphrey, the incumbent Democrat who will be up for re-election next year, received 2373 votes compared with 780 for Gov. Elmer Anderson, 685 for Rep. Walter Judd, 303 for former Lt. Gov. Ancher Nelsen, who now is Rural Electrification Administrator, and 172 for State Treasurer Val Bjornson.

The poll was taken on an automatic voting machine erected in the booth of Labor's League for Political Education.

## 234 Pints of Blood

Springfield, Mass. (LPA)—Electrical workers and technical engineers employed by the American Bosch Corp. contributed 234 pints of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the plant. It was the largest collection since World War II.

## Labor Mourns Loss Of Ex-Sen. Wagner

New York (LPA)—Union officials joined May 5 in mourning the death of former U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, Sr., sponsor of the 1935 Wagner Labor Relations Act and other New Deal legislation, who died May 4.

Both the AFL and CIO issued statements praising Wagner for his long fight to better the lot of working people through social legislation, both as a U.S. senator from 1926 to 1949 and prior to that as a member of the New York State Senate from 1908 to 1918.

AFL Pres. George Meany said Wagner "was a true friend of the common man."

"He sponsored the National Industrial Recovery Act which helped rescue the nation from the worst depression in its history," Meany declared. "He wrote the National Labor Relations Act, which became the magna charta of labor. He was responsible for the Social Security Act, which ended the dread of the poorhouse for those left destitute in old age. He started the drive for a national health insurance program, the next great social reform which America eventually will adopt."

"Senator Wagner's career ended tragically when illness prevented him from carrying on the fight against amputation of the NLRA by the Taft-Hartley Law. Labor can build no more fitting monument to his memory than the restoration of the true spirit and

purpose of the NLRA."

A telegram of condolences was sent to Wagner's son, Manhattan Borough President Robert F. Wagner, Jr., by CIO President Walter P. Reuther, Executive Vice-President John V. Riffe, and Secretary-treasurer James B. Carey.

"No man in recent American history," they said, "more deservedly won a reputation as a friend of the working people of this nation, as a staunch supporter of democratic unionism, as a true believer in the fundamental spirit of democracy."

"He won the people's affection not only through his sponsorship of the National Labor Relations Act, but through the identification of his name with a whole series of legislative proposals in the fields of health, housing, education and social security. Robert F. Wagner was known to every American working man and working woman as their champion, and as an honest, dynamic and effective fighter for the common good."

## Joint Labor Program

Trenton, N. J. (LPA)—With both AFL and CIO participating, the Mercer County Workers' Education Council is carrying on a series of educational broadcasts each Sunday afternoon. Title of the program is "Labor Talks It Over."

Attend union meetings!

## Salinas City Election, Monday, June 1

### Be Sure You Vote!

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ELECT



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CITY OF SALINAS

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- Former Merchant
- Former City Judge
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- Capable
- Experience
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# Labor News

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1953



## STAR LINES

By LOIS MORAN

Golly, it's a gorgeous night. I'm off again on the beauties of nature. Must be the moon. And then, as usual, I start thinking about the weather in Korea. Is it spring there, CAN flowers grow there, do tracer bullets obscure the light of the moon? Do you, too, have that awful capacity of putting yourself in another fellow's shoes or mind? It's hell. Bless our dear guys out there—and let's hope there is some beauty or some fun to lighten their burden. And let's send lots of letters and lots of blood.

Your Moon-Struck L. M.

## Teamsters Set Up New Conference In Central States

Chicago (LPA)—The AFL Teamsters Union has formed a Central States Conference to double its membership in the Midwest.

The conference, covering 12 states, is similar to those previously in existence in 11 western states and another group in the South. A fourth, for the East, is soon to be established.

Gen. Pres. Dave Beck told the organizing conference here that the 12 midwestern states now have 400,000 members and should have 800,000. If the Teamsters were as strong in the rest of the nation as they are in the Western Conference, he said, they would have three million members.

Beck appointed Vice-Pres. John R. Hoffa of Detroit to be chairman of the Central States Conference.

Beck also warned other AFL unions to sign no-raid agreements with the Teamsters, similar to that of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists, if they didn't want to see "truck drivers become electricians, plumbers, steamfitters and retail clerks." He was objecting to members of those trades taking over the work of the Teamsters.

## Boss Lobby Moves to Kill Jobless Pay

(State Fed. Release)

The future of unemployment insurance in California was put in the voting hands of the State Assembly last week as the lower house Finance and Insurance Committee favored removal of a possible 150,000 workers from coverage of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

By a 10-7 margin, the crucial Assembly committee passed AB 2623, aimed at thousands of seasonal and casual workers now eligible for compensation benefits.

Backed by powerful employer lobbies, the bill was scheduled for floor vote at the week's end.

Introduced by Assemblyman Ernest R. Geddes (R., Pomona), the measure would deal unemployment compensation its most savage blow since inauguration of the program in 1936.

The bill was sharply opposed before the Finance and Insurance Committee by C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California State Federation of Labor, and Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney.

Voting with the AFL in the committee showdown were Assemblymen Julian Beck (D., San Fernando), Francis Dunn, Jr. (D., Oakland), John W. Evans (R., Los Angeles), Gordon A. Fleury (R., Sacramento), Thomas A. Maloney (R., San Francisco), Charles W. Meyers (D., San Francisco), and William A. Munnell (D., Los Angeles).

Voting against labor were Assemblymen L. M. Backstrand (R., Riverside), Glenn E. Coolidge (R., Santa Cruz), Richard J. Dolwig (R., San Carlos), H. W. Kelly (R., Shafter), Frank Lanterman (R., La Canada), Harold K. Levering (R., Beverly Hills), Glenard P. Lipscomb (R., Los Angeles), William F. Marsh (R., N. Hollywood), G. Delbert Morris (R., Los Angeles), and H. Allen Smith (R., Glendale).



## RETAIL CLERKS REPORT GAIN IN MEMBERSHIPS

(AFL Release)

Lafayette, Ind.—Organizing gains for the first quarter of 1953 were among the highest for any similar period in the 65-year history of the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL.

So stated James A. Suffridge, secretary-treasurer, after studying current but still incomplete reports from local unions and RCIA field organizers.

During the three months, RCIA won 25 representation elections, involving more than 3,000 retail store workers. This was in addition to normal gains which local unions made in gaining recognition without going to an election.

Suffridge predicted 1953 will be the biggest organizing year ever. Membership gains have set new records each year for the last eight years consecutively.

The Retail Clerks now have more than 250,000 members, Suffridge said. Since 1944 they have moved up from 25th to 8th largest among AFL internationals.

In addition to organizers regularly assigned to the international's seven geographical divisions, a special corps of top-flight organizers is being recruited to work out of the international headquarters in Indiana.

They will be "shock troops," to be used wherever needed to meet any emergency, Suffridge declared. They will aid local unions whenever necessary.

## Wholesale Prices Of Food Rise for 3rd Straight Week

New York (LPA)—Wholesale food prices advanced again in the week ended April 28, for the third week in a row, bringing them up to the 1953 high.

The Dun & Bradstreet index showed a rise of 4c in a week to \$6.42, or 7.7 per cent above pre-Korea. In the same week in 1952 the figure was \$6.33. Of the 31 commodities used in the index, ten went up, five went down, and sixteen were unchanged.

## Union Map Artist

Baltimore (LPA)—Bob Russell, member of the Commercial Telegraphers Union since its formation in 1902, has donated 153 Civil War maps he has drawn in 30 years to the Maryland Historical Society.

## Remember the GOP Promises About Balancing the Budget?

Washington (LPA)—Remember all those Republican promises of a balanced budget leading to a reduction in the national debt? Well, as the labor press has reported they would be, they're tossed out the window. And that's official, coming from the Eisenhower administration as its firm policy.

Not only will the budget not be balanced, but the "economy" administration would like Congress to increase the national debt limit, now set at \$275 billion. The debt at present is \$265,583,000,000, a difference of \$9½ billion.

"There is no prospect at all for anything but an increase in the national debt at the present time," Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee May 8. He said "the legal limit on the size of the national debt may have to be increased."

Abandoning all hope for balancing the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Humphrey said: "Although I am distressed that we cannot balance the budget this year, I do not believe it should be balanced this year. The risks that would involve in our security would simply be too great."

"I am very much disappointed in our ability not to go further in reducing the contemplated budget deficit. We have not been able to make the reductions I personally hoped to make."

Humphrey said the national debt increase will be caused by long-range borrowing made necessary by the budget deficit—at the recently increased interest rate which will further boost the deficit, although he didn't mention that—and temporary borrowing to overcome seasonal fluctuations in tax collections.

As has repeatedly been pointed out in the past, the difficulty in cutting the budget, he explained, is that 65 to 70 per cent of the expenditure is for security and about half of the remainder for relatively fixed items, such as interest on the national debt.

"That leaves only 15 to 17 per cent of the budget which is really subject to reduction unless you involve security," the Treasury Secretary admitted.

## Store Mgr. Now B.A.

Reading, Pa. (LPA)—James M. McCauley, president of AFL Retail Clerks Local 3, has given up his job as manager of an American store to become full-time assistant to John T. Halesky, business agent.

## Farmers Show How Political Action Works

Bakersfield.—A report by William Becker, representative of the National Agricultural Workers Union, shows how political action by organized labor pays off at the ballot box.

Becker reported that organized farm workers in the lower San Joaquin Valley worked intensively in 43 precincts in Kern and Tulare counties last year for the election of Harlan Hagen (D.) over former Congressman Thomas Werdel (R.), who had compiled an anti-labor record in Congress. As a result, Hagen received the majority of the votes of 38 of the precincts and carried both counties by a 5 to 3 margin. His election was assured when he carried his home area, Kings County.

In addition, the NAWU's endorsed candidate for the State Assembly, Dorothy Donahoe, carried 22 out of 24 precincts in which the farm workers campaigned actively for her, and won election by a 2 to 1 ratio.

The Agricultural Workers actively campaigned for Adlai Stevenson in 43 precincts, of which he carried 37.

## Two Firms Must Stop Passing Off Foreign Machines as U.S.-Made

Washington (LPA)—Two local firms have been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to stop selling or distributing foreign-made sewing machines without conspicuously disclosing where the machines are made.

The companies, Sorite Sewing Machine Co. and Cleanrite Vacuum Stores, also were directed to stop shipping their foreign-made machines in boxes bearing the brand name of the manufacturer of well-known sewing machines.

## "Messengers of Hope"



The 3 poster children serving as "Messengers of Hope" express their thanks to Secretary of Labor Martin P. Durkin for the tremendous cooperation Cerebral Palsy fund drives have received from labor organizations and individuals. Looking over some of the drive literature are (left to right): Patricia Sprofera, 6, of Long Island City, N. Y.; Secretary Durkin; Maureen Jameson, 5, of Avenel, N. J.; and Jimmy Eischen, 9, of Chicago. The United Cerebral Palsy fund drive takes place this month.